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Dear Jeffrey,

As I told you when we spoke, I'd written my friend Jim Leavelle for any info. he could give me about Oswald's cell. Jim has gone to considerable trouble, which I do appreciate, to draw me an excellent sketch of the cell arrangements. He knows of no time Oswald was in any other cell than F2, he knows the three policemen one of whom was always watching F2 from a chair near it, indicated on the sketch, and he knows very well that he picked Oswald up that Sunday morning in F2.

That small bank of Maximum security cells was so arranged that those in them could see no others except when others were taken to the elevator. Where the walls are indicated blacker, that is where the steel was thicker.

Oswald was always alone in that cell. Nobody to talk to. Or snitch on! Or hear from. F1 + F3 empty.

I do not recall whether I asked you when we spoke if you recall who quoted Robert Kennedy as saying they expected the military to throw them out. I'd like to be able to use and cite that if you know or without too much trouble can find out. I did phone Anne Eisele and left a message on her machine but I've not heard from her.

Throwing the President out reminds me: there was a proven case about 60 years ago. Could it make an interesting Outlook piece? A guy from a then big NY financial house approached retired Marine Corp General Smedley Butler to lead them on a white horse. He was then Phila. director of public safety. He cued a reporter I knew, Paul Comly French, of the old Phila. Record in on it. The Record carried the stories and there was Congressional testimony on it. My copies of both disappeared while I was in the army.

Probably the Library of Congress has both. They wanted to get rid of FDR.

I told you, Morley or both what I tell people theorizing about the assassinations to ask themselves: is this reasonable, and if it passes that test, is this possible. The La Fontaine fantasy does not pass the first. It is not reasonable that any police department would have put the man suspected of killing a President where any other prisoner could touch him. Strange as it may seem, there are criminals who conside themselves patriots. There was too great a possibility Oswald could have been killed or hurt and my! what a scandal that would have been! NO PD would have done that.

Best,

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